

County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health Student Professional Development Program

Homeless Outreach & Mobile Engagement (HOME) Team

What discipline? (Marriage and Family Therapy or Social Work)

Internship/ Practicum Specialization:
(Severe mental illness and homeless)

DMH Agency:	Homeless Outreach & Mobile Engagement (HOME) Team	
DMH Agency Address:	Service Area 2: 6800 Owensmouth Ave. Canoga Park 91303 Service Area 3: 1359 N Grand Ave. Covina, CA 91724 Service Area 4: 222 S. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 Service Area 5: 11080 W Olympic Blvd Los Angeles CA 90064 Service Area 6: 12021 S. Wilmington Ave, Los Angeles CA 90059 Service Area 8: 2600 Redondo Ave, Long Beach, CA 90806 Countywide Team: Service Areas 2-8.	Service Area 2-8
DMH Agency Liaison:	Gabriela Levesque / Elizabeth Cope	
New or Returning:	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Returning	
Liaison Email Address:	HOME@dmh.lacounty.gov	
Liaison Phone Number:	213-435-6094	
Liaison Fax Number:	N/A	
Agency ADA accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "No" identify required field work may not be ADA accessible	

Student Requirements:

How many positions will you have?	12-15
Beginning and ending dates:	Academic year/acceptance on a rolling basis

Student Schedule: Tuesday through Friday

<i>Please indicate days and times students should be available to provide services, including mandatory staff meetings (SM), training seminars (TR), supervision (SUP), etc.</i>	
Monday	Intern schedules will be based on school requirements. Open during hours of 7:30a-5:30p.
Tuesday	Intern schedules will be based on school requirements. Open during hours of 7:30a-5:30p.
Wednesday	Intern schedules will be based on school requirements. Open during hours of 7:30a-5:30p.

Thursday	Intern schedules will be based on school requirements. Open during hours of 7:30a-5:30p.
Friday	Intern schedules will be based on school requirements. Open during hours of 7:30a-5:30p.
Total hours expected to be worked per week:	Based on school's weekly requirements.
Number of direct client hours per week anticipated:	At least 60-70% of the required weekly hours.
Expected average consumer caseload:	3-6 plus outreach and community engagement
What cultural groups typically received services at your site?	HOME Team serves a wide range of cultural groups in LA County. Interns/trainees can expect to interface with a dynamic array of ethnic, cultural, religious, socioeconomic populations.

Description of Site: *(Please describe the type of Agency setting and services offered)*

The Homeless Outreach & Mobile Engagement (HOME) program provides field-based outreach, engagement, support, and treatment to individuals with severe and persistent mental illness who are experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Services are provided by addressing basic needs; conducting clinical assessments, building dynamic therapeutic relationships with individuals experiencing severe psychosis, and providing linkage to appropriate services as well as facilitating involuntary psychiatric interventions and conservatorship hearings to address more extreme forms of self-neglect.

HOME Interns/Trainees can expect to work with vulnerable and disengaged individuals who typically meet LPS criteria for Grave Disability as they struggle with securing appropriate food, clothing, and shelter due to their mental illness. In addition, they may have critical deficits in hygiene and communication, and are generally highly avoidant of services. They are unable to live safely in the community and require specialized mental health services and outreach and engagement efforts to secure and sustain housing.

Inters/Trainees will operate out of a primary service area office and travel in county vehicles within their assigned geographic area to provide field-based services with other HOME Team members.

See this website for additional information about the program: [Homeless Outreach & Mobile Engagement \(HOME\) Program - Department of Mental Health](#)

Target population and types of services provided: *(please check all that apply)*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individuals	<input type="checkbox"/> Psychoeducational groups (e.g. Parenting)
<input type="checkbox"/> Groups	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Outreach
<input type="checkbox"/> Families	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brief treatment to mid-term treatment
<input type="checkbox"/> Children & Adolescents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Long term treatment

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crisis Intervention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Older Adults	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screening and Assessment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Court/Probation referred	<input type="checkbox"/> Psych Testing (<i>For psychology students only</i>)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultation/Liaison	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify</i>):

What are the most frequent diagnostic categories of your client population?

The HOME Team provides intensive interventions to individuals suffering with various forms of psychosis (Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective, and Bipolar with Psychotic Features). Many HOME Team clients also experience substance use disorders with co-occurring health issues. Depression, anxiety, traumatic stress-related disorders are not uncommon but not the focal point diagnostically.

What specific (perhaps unique) training opportunities do students have at your agency?

Interns/Trainees will be provided with weekly supervision and will be offered countywide DMH trainings and trainings through UCLA PMHP throughout the course of the year.

What evidence based practices or theoretical orientations will students be exposed to at this site?

The HOME Team utilizes harm-reduction and a trauma informed care lens when working with the Gravely Disabled population. Students will learn from field-based exposure and daily interactions with multi-disciplinary teams that have a wide range of experiences and clinical expertise. Frequent client interactions will provide opportunities to utilize different modalities and theoretical orientations in a field-based setting with some of the most vulnerable individuals on the streets of Los Angeles.

Do students have the opportunity to work in a multidisciplinary team environment that includes those with lived experience?

Yes – Each HOME team is comprised of licensed/unlicensed clinicians/social workers, a nurse, psychiatrist, substance abuse counselor, community health workers, and staff with lived experience.

List locations where students will be providing services **other than agency?**

Services will be provided in the field. This includes but is not limited to encampments, homeless shelters, hospitals, residential treatment facilities, clients' homes, etc.

Does your agency allow students to videotape and/or audiotape clients for the purpose of presenting cases in their academic classes? No

Supervision:

What types of supervision will be provided for the students and what is the licensure/discipline of the supervisor? Please specify below.

Type	Hours Per Week	On Site Supervisor Degree/Discipline
Individual:	1	LCSW/MSW
Group:		

What is the minimum ratio of supervision to client contact hours? 1:10

Does your agency require a particular range of previous experience or specific prerequisite coursework? *If so, please explain.*

HOME is looking for 2nd year MSW/MFT students who are comfortable working in the streets of Los Angeles. However, open to 1st year students as well.

Agency Application Process

Mandatory requirements: *Only students from academic institutions who have a current affiliation agreement with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health may be extended a placement opportunity. All students are processed through Human Resources Bureau. All prospective interns must obtain live scan clearance. All interns are required to complete a mandatory HIPAA Compliance and Sexual Harassment Prevention Training (for line staff) as part as the terms of their internship.*

DMH Staff/Field Instructor completing this form:

Gabriela Levesque _____ Title: MH Program Manager II

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Program Manager: Elizabeth Cope _____
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District Chief: Aubree Lovelace

Both Program Manager and Chief agree to students accepted at this site.

Electronic Signature: Aubree Lovelace (e625659) Digitally signed by Aubree Lovelace (e625659)

